



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Allow Use of Electric Motors/Boats (No-Wake Policy)
at Lodi Lake During Nonmotorized Craft Times

MEETING DATE: August. 7, 1991

PREPARED BY: Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve access to the Lake for electric motor powered craft of 3 hp or less during normal nonmotorized craft times **and** create a no-wake policy for these craft during this time and use.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of May 7, 1991, young Mr. Morgan Bennett addressed the Commission with a request to consider allowing individuals, **like** himself, access to the Lake with low-powered craft (with electric motors) during nonmotorized craft times. His justification to the Commission was that at all other times (when motorized craft are allowed) people with normally larger horsepower boats in the Lake are going at high speeds and it's very dangerous for those in craft with **smaller** horsepower motors. It was recommended that low-powered boats/craft, 3 hp and below, obey a no-wake policy.

After lengthy discussion and many questions to young Morgan and his father, the Commission moved to recommend use of the Lake during nonmotorized times **and** to encourage enforcement of a **no-wake** policy for these craft. The vote was 4-0 in favor with Commissioner Steve Scott absent.

FUNDING: No funding required other than that required to change signs. Income potential could be realized because we charge **\$4.00** to off load trailered boats.

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Parks and Recreation Department

cc: Bob McNatt, City Attorney
Scott Essin, Parks Superintendent

APPROVED: _____

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